Koonammuchi—Guruvayur Road.

406. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. the head, number and the amount of the budget provision for 1108 out of which land values are being paid in connection with the above road in the month of Mithunam 1108;

2. when were the lands taken possession of by Government;

3. is not the Government paying interest on the amount of compensation awarded;

4. was not this liability incurred by Government, because Government took possession before passing the award;

5. what caused the delay in passing the award;

6. what is the date of the award;

7. when was the acquisition notification first published;

8. what is the statutory period that must elapse between the acquisition notification and the passing of the award?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—1. Communication original B. I. No. 19/1108, Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 3,987 by transfer from B. I. No. 17/1108.

2. The lands were taken possession of on 6th Karkadagam 1107, 17th Karkadagam 1107, 30th Kumbham 1108 and 27th Mithunam 1108.

3. Yes.

4. Yes.

5. The delay was due to the following reasons:—

(1) There were more than 150 Survey numbers included in the L. A. Case under different tenures and it naturally took a long time to prepare the valuation statement of all these Survey numbers.

(2) The hearing of the case had to be adjourned several times for serving notices on the parties, who number nearly 300.

(3) Some of the parties also applied for time for putting the claim statements.

(4) The compensation amount in respect of one and the same item was claimed by several parties in several instances and their claims had to be carefully considered before passing the awards.

(5) The number of land acquisition cases being very large it will not be possible to attend to all of them at the same time.

6. 26th Medam 1108.

7. 22nd Karkadagam 1107.

8. No fixed statutory period

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